

## CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

# Tile Setting



## Do You Like ...

- ... patterns and design?
- ... basic math?
- ... organization and detail?
- ... working with your hands?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Tile Setting** career training program.

## SKILLS

**Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a tile setter, including:**

- » Using a variety of tools to cut and shape tile.
- » Installing tile on different surfaces in floors, walls, and ceilings.
- » Soundproofing and waterproofing different surfaces in homes or other buildings.
- » Grouting and polishing tile.
- » Aligning and straightening tile using levels, squares, and straightedges.

## EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

**While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:**

- » Teamwork
- » Organization
- » Attention to detail
- » Safety and monitoring skills

**And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a tile setter, including having:**

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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## CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

## CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Tile Setting graduates work for construction contractors or tile-setting unions**. Tile setters usually work full-time hours during normal day shifts, but many may work weekends depending on the deadlines of construction projects.

## SALARY

The average starting salary for most tile setters is **\$40,000/year**.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit [mynextmove.org](http://mynextmove.org).



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